



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641  
Applicant: Hirokatsu SHIMADA  
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO  
CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH  
MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE CONNECTED, AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID  
CONTROL  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**(RCE) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of Application Serial No.  
9/586,641, filed on June 5, 2000 titled PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD  
TO CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE  
CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID  
CONTROL, by Hirokatsu SHIMADA, inventor.

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Please enter the Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently herewith, wherein claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 incorporate new amendments thereto. No claims have been added.

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